
14.0 AUDITS AND RECORD-KEEPING

14.1 **Audit Authority**

The Committee may require any Grantee, Related Member Party, or guarantor, as applicable, to submit to an audit to confirm compliance under the Program at any time under such terms and conditions as it may specify. G.S. §143B-437.58 (c).

14.2 **Audit Teams**

Audits under the Program will be conducted by a team that includes representatives of both the Department of Revenue and the Department of Commerce following a decision to audit by the Committee.

14.3 **Audit Results**

The results of an audit will be reported to the Committee by the audit team in such form as may be specified by the Committee. At the direction of the Committee, an audit opinion will be prepared by the audit team. The Committee may then take appropriate action under the terms of the General Statutes governing the Program, the Criteria, and/or the Agreement.

14.4 **Confidentiality**

Information obtained in audits will be kept confidential to the extent allowed or required by law.

14.5 **Grantee Record-Keeping**

Grantees are required to keep financial and other records that establish compliance with the Program for the duration of the Grant period and for a period of three years following termination of the Agreement.

14.6 **Manipulation of Withholdings**

In the event the Committee receives a report that a Grantee has manipulated Withholdings in the manner described in G.S. §143B-437.59(c), the Committee shall make such inquiry as may be necessary to evaluate the credibility of the report, considering all of the relevant circumstances.

Following an evaluation of the credibility of the report, the Committee may take whatever action it deems appropriate under the circumstances, including directing an audit of the Grantee.

In the event the Committee finds that manipulation of Withholdings has occurred, it shall take such action as is required by G.S. §143B-437.59(c).